

Haleakalā National Park Proposes Revision of Entrance Fee Structure

On August 19, 2014, the National Park Service authorized parks to conduct stakeholder outreach through civic engagement to gauge support for possible fee changes to entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees authorized by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) of 2004.

The National Park Service (NPS) has updated the standard entrance fee rate schedule to increase entrance fees. This will be the first fee increase since 2006. The proposed increases in park entrance fees will allow us to invest in the improvements necessary to provide the best possible park experience to our visitors. Additional funds will enable us to enhance visitor facilities and services as we approach our centennial anniversary in 2016.

Haleakala National Park (the “park”) proposes increasing fees in three annual increments beginning on or about Memorial Day 2015 to achieve the standard fees established by the National Park Service. Copies of the park's press release and the proposed fee schedule are below. In addition to the entrance fee schedule changes, the park is considering an expanded amenity fee for camping at the Kipahulu District of the park.

Public involvement is a critical part of the project planning and development process. Haleakalā National Park considers public involvement essential to ensure that actions taken by the National Park Service provide the greatest benefit to park visitors. As such, any proposed fee change necessitates civic engagement and discussion. The purpose of this request for comment is to gauge community reaction and gather feedback so that fee programs best serve park visitors while ensuring park management needs are addressed. Feedback from the public will inform how, or if, a fee increase would be implemented.

Two community meetings will be held, with the first on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from 5pm to 6:30pm at the Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani; and the second on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 5pm to 6:30pm at the Helene Social Hall in Hana. The public can also fill out comment cards at any park visitor center during business hours, bring written comments to any park visitor center, mail comments to the park superintendent, or submit comments to the online Planning, Environment, and Public Comment System (PEPC) at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/halefeescomments>. To be considered, comments must be received on or before December 15, 2014.

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